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SUBJ: IMPOUNDMENT OF BULGARIAN FISHING FACTORY SHIP

1. THE IRISH NAVY BOARDED AND THEN ESCORTED TO CORK A LARGE BULGARIAN FISHING FACTORY SHIP ON SEPTEMBER 28, FOR VIOLATION OF THE IRISH 12 MILE FISHING ZONE. THE VESSEL, 2,468 TON AURELIA, REGISTERED AT BURGAS WITH CAPTAIN JORDAN KOSLAN AS MASTER, HAD APPARENTLY BEEN TRAWLING WITHIN 7 MILES OF THE IRISH COAST. THE CORK DISTRICT COURT ORDERED CONFISCATION OF THE VESSEL'S FISHING GEAR AND CATCH, VALUED AT 102,000 POUNDS. A LOCAL SOLICITOR APPEARING ON BEHALF OF THE CAPTAIN RELAYED AN EXPRESSION OF REGRET FROM THE BULGARIAN AMBASSADOR IN LONDON. BULGARIA AND IRELAND HAVE NO DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS.

2. COMMENT: THIS INCIDENT IS BY FAR THE BIGGEST CASE OF ITS KIND IN IRELAND SO FAR. IT COMES AT A PARTICULARLY TENSE TIME IN THE WHOLE QUESTION OF FISHING ZONES AND FISHING RIGHTS IN IRISH COASTAL AREAS. AN IRISH NAVY SOURCE HAS TOLD US THAT THE AURELIA WAS PART OF A 50 STRONG EAST EUROPEAN

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FISHING FLEET WHICH HAS BEEN OPERATING OFF THE IRISH

COAST FOR THE LAST SEVERAL WEEKS. THE AURELIA WILL BE
RELEASED AFTER PAYING ITS PENALTY, BUT THE MATTER OF
THE EAST EUROPEAN FISHING FLEET QUOTE SUCKING UP UNQUOTE
IRELAND'S FISH HAS BECOME A PUBLIC ISSUE HERE. CURLEY

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